

Uniform Federal Policy for Implementing Environmental Quality Systems

Scope

Management Systems for:

- Environmental data collection and use
- Implementation of environmental technology programs

Elements

Essential Elements:

- Management and Organization
- Quality System Description
- Personnel Qualification and Training
- Procurement of Items, Services, and Activities
- Documents and Records
- Computer Hardware and Software
- Planning and Implementation
- Management of the Process
- Assessment and Response
- Quality Improvement

Basis

National Standard:

- “Specification and Guidelines for Environmental Data Collection and Environmental Technology Programs” ANSI/ASQC E4 - 1994

Benefits

Benefits of the Uniform Federal Policy

- Improve effectiveness of Federal environmental programs, with focus on results, quality of data, and customer satisfaction
- Clarification of roles and responsibilities in managing and overseeing environmental data and technology programs
- Sufficient confidence in the systems such that duplication of oversight efforts is minimized
- Enhanced accountability and confidence in environmental decisions

Implementation

Steps for Implementing UFP:

- Interim final consensus UFP completed
- Agencies adopt by MOU
- Implementation guided by each agency